



## **2016 Election Cycle FamMedPAC Contribution Criteria**

### **Background**

FamMedPAC serves a vital role in advancing AAFP's legislative agenda and in broadening AAFP's visibility with Congress. As contributions to the PAC increase, FamMedPAC will become involved in more congressional races and expanded AAFP's influence. As our fundraising strategy takes shape, with its goal of raising \$1 million for FamMedPAC by the end of the 2016 election cycle, FamMedPAC is poised to become one of the largest medical specialty PACs in the country.

### **FamMedPAC Contribution Criteria**

#### **Support of Legislative Priorities**

Each year, the AAFP Commission on Legislation and Government Affairs develops a legislative and regulatory work plan that focuses on issues critical to AAFP members. Support of these priorities is a key factor in determining eligibility for a FamMedPAC contribution. The legislative and regulatory agenda for 2016 includes:

- Healthcare coverage for all;
- Health Information Technology;
- Medicaid reform;
- Medical liability reform;
- Medicare physician payment reform;
- Title VII funding;
- Graduate Medical Education Reform

#### **Support of Regulatory Priorities**

Senators and Representatives who have been or are being helpful in advancing AAFP's regulatory agenda, by intervening directly with regulatory agencies on behalf of AAFP or by signing letters asking an agency to act on one of AAFP's regulatory priorities, are eligible for FamMedPAC contributions even if they have not fully supported AAFP's legislative priorities. Some Members may be more helpful on the regulatory front, and this should be taken into consideration when evaluating those candidates for FamMedPAC contributions.

#### **Evaluation Categories**

The 2016 election cycle evaluation criteria focus on a candidate's support of AAFP's key legislative and regulatory initiatives, committee assignment, leadership position, relationships with AAFP members, whether or not the candidate is a healthcare professional, whether or not the candidate is a current member of AAFP, and the likelihood of a candidate's election as the basis for evaluating possible FamMedPAC contributions. The contribution levels assigned to each category reflect both the outlook for funds that may be available to FamMedPAC and the necessity of providing a certain level of support to candidates/Senators/Representatives in order to achieve the goal of advancing AAFP's agenda. As we